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PROTECTION AND SECURITY OF SMALL STATES

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assemly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Protection and security of small States" and to allocate it to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

2. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 7th to 9th meetings, on 18, 19 and 21 October 1994 (see A/C.4/49/SR.7-9). It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/49/353).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.4/49/L.3

3. At the 8th meeting, on 19 October, the representative of Maldives introduced a draft resolution entitled "Protection and security of small States" (A/C.4/49/L.3), which was sponsored by Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cape Verde, the Comoros, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominica, Fiji, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritious, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka,

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Suriname, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Arab Emirates and Vanuatu, joined subsequently by Benin, Cambodia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nigeria, Oman, the Philippines, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Viet Nam.

4. At its 9th meeting, on 21 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/49/L.3 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

5. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Protection and security of small States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/51 of 8 December 1989 and 46/43 of 9 December 1991, in which it recognized that small States may be particularly vulnerable to external threats and acts of interference in their internal affairs,

Reaffirming its commitment to international peace and security,

Recalling the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 1/

Conscious that small States may be particularly vulnerable to external threats and acts of interference in their internal affairs and may have special needs consonant with the right to sovereignty and territorial integrity,

Concerned about the danger that mercenaries and terrorists, as well as drug traffickers, can represent for small States,

Condemning all acts of aggression, including those against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of small States,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General 2/ on the implementation of resolution 46/43,

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1/ Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

2/ A/49/353.

1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report on the implementation of resolution 46/43;

2. Recognizes that small States may be particularly vulnerable to external threats and acts of interference in their internal affairs;

3. Stresses the vital importance for all States of the unconditional respect by all States of all the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including the principles of sovereign equality, territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries and the peaceful settlement of disputes, and their consistent application;

4. Stresses also the importance of strengthening the regional security arrangements by increasing interaction, cooperation and consultation;

5. Appeals to the relevant regional and international organizations to provide assistance when requested by small States for the strengthening of their security in accordance with the principles of the Charter;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to pay special attention to monitoring the security situation of small States and to consider making use of the provisions of Article 99 of the Charter;

7. Calls upon the Security Council and other relevant organs of the United Nations to pay special attention to the protection and security of small States in the restructuring and revitalization of the work of the United Nations, especially within the context of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization and in the follow-up activities of the Agenda for Peace. 3/

3/ A/49/277-S/24111.